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URING the summer of 1804, Thomas

afterward with the seemingly valueless relic of his journey, nearly fifteen years since, he believed that he had retained essentially the original URING the summer of 1893. Thomas Moore, after visiting Nagara and saling through the great Lakes, descended the St. Lawrence river, from Kingston to Montreal. The journey, now but the well-built steamers, was then made in a birch-bark cance, and with Canadian birch-bark cance, and with Canadian togogoras' for boatmen, the labor of over four

"seogogars" for boatmen, the thore to over days.

Impressed as the poet was by the magnificent scenery which greeted him at every step, the heat scenery which greeted him at every step, the heat scenery which greeted him at every step, the heat the scener was as the scener which greeted him at the scener has been the scener which we have been and sing admirably together. Their songs were many and varied by one especially pleased him, and varied by one especially pleased him, of many verses, always ending with the same referain. Moore, although well versed in the Frenchian pactois, and managed to distinguish only the words:

with the refrain at the end of every verse of: A l'ombre du bois, je m'en vais jouer, A l'ombre du bois, je m'en vais danse

A fombe do both, le men was damer.

The melody charmed him, with its peculiar Arcadian-like air, with its accompaniment of rippling water and picturesque seenery. Accordingly he jotted down the melody and composed for it the well-known words, beginning: "Faintly, as tolls well-known words, beginning: "Faintly, as tolls well-known words, beginning: "Faintly, as tolls bottlength of the words are descriptive of the departure of the boatmen from St. Ann's in the "Green Isle" as it is called. At the rapids of St. Ann's they take their flash departure, as it were, for their long trip up the river, as it contains the last church on the They always sing or chant a fravewl to the beginning.

Ole Bull made his first call upon the superintend-ent of the Royal Opera House, who was offensively patronizing. An hour was appointed on the follow-ing day for another call at the Opera House. Ole Bull presented himself promptly at the desig-nated hour.

melody.

So strongly had Moore been impressed with the fact that this was the very air sing by the boatmen, so closely had it linked itself with the wild scenery of the St. Lawrence, that it was with difficulty he could force himself to acknowledge the Where is your violin?" demanded the superin-

"Where Is your voice."
"In the case," was the cool reply.
"In the case," was the cool reply.
"Ind where is the case?"
"But did I not ask you to play for me?"
"Excuse me, sir," answered dle Ball, "I could not think you were in earnest. I play either for money or for honor, and in this case neither is in cases and the same control of the case of the case

question."
"But it is impossible for me to present you to his majesty without having heard you," replied man, annoyed at the artist's independent manner.
"If the request of the grand dichess," rejoined to his majority, but afther, a me content to leave the city"—and he did leave Berlin on that day.

#### WHENCE SOME SINGERS HAVE SPRUNG.

ency ne could force himself to acknowledge the pencilled original.

Incidental lights sometimes illumine with greater interest the literary relics of the past and such perhaps this may seemt to be, of the bright, wity, genial little Irish poet, Thomas Moore.—L. S. Converse.

WHENCE SOME SINGERS HAVE SPRUNG.

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#### THE RECIPROCAL INFLUENCE OF SACRED AND SECULAR MUSIC.

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They talk of "forcing the tone" of a piano by too vigorous playing, etc., as if the modern unmusical tones no matter how vigorous or forciing-force is another, quite as essential to him

#### AROUT THE OPERA.



EVER omit hearing a good opera," is one given to music students by one who was time, when Mr. Mapleson's excellent

We wish to say nothing here about this or that closely the artists adhere to the text. Opera is or twenty dollars a week. The source of the evil is particular artist. That the Mapleson troupe is ex- music in action and if your nose is in a book your higher, we repeat it, it is in the management. be denied. That it plays operas that have passed work if you read instead of looking. the ordeal of criticism and have been pronounced now having, or will soon have, an opportunity to hear good operas, and if they will heed Schum

I can ill afford." This is not an amusement paper, now that existed for giving it when he wrote.

ble snob merely to see and to be seen. You employ What is so clearly true in politics is none the less EDITOR. birm for lessons. But the majority of teachers, Why is this? Simply because the people have however excellent, are not great artists; beyond a learned that the daily press, instead of exercising

#### WANING INFLUENCE OF THE PRESS.



HE influence of the press is waning. Only

friend of musical education and progress, and so and St. Louis has still at the head of its city gov- indiscriminate news, an evil-tongued gossip, to are we, and if we wish to repeat his advice, it is ernment, agentleman who was opposed not only by be regulated if not suppressed. We want neither because the same reasons exist for repeating it the press of the opposite party, but by the princi- regutation nor suppression, but unless we return pal organ of his own party, which proved its astute- to the idea that journalism is a species of priestgood operas well rendered (and let us add good election that he would be defeated by a majority of will demand legal regulation.

concerts) because in no other way can you get so from five to ten thousand votes, and publishing much musical instruction in the same time, so two days later the fact that he had been elected by

opera, will fall short of giving you an adequate society as well as the stockholders of his paper, he idea of it. What is written for the stage should be has been gently warned not to do it again and if he appropriated and individualized by any great well-known that cheapness and not ability on the have heard others say, or make themselves and at once a great musician and a forceful performance and to profit by the work of those then is expected to hand in accounts of the per-And by the way, study the scores of the operas many concerts all in one night? They do the best troupe is making the rounds of our American cities. house, unless, for some reason, you wish to see how dirtiness and laboriounness of their work, their fifteen

and honor of men who look upon their profession We repeat it then-"Never omit hearing a good as a trade, a mere means of making a livelihood, or not only "good" but first class in their respective opera," but hear it fully, studiously, intelligently amassing wealth, and nothing more, but, looking ability, fearlessness and honesty? We think it

against the actual opposition of nearly all methods of the daily press. If this reform is not of New York's great dailies; two or three made soon, the press is in danger of losing its remyears ago Chicago elected a mayor who nant of influence, of being regarded by all as it is the operatic managers of his day; but he was a was opposed by almost the entire press of the city, already by many, as an inaccurate gatherer of

#### MY FIDDLE

gh I a'nt so much inclined to tromp the strings witch the bow was before the timber in my cloows got so dry, my fingers were more limber-like and caperish

spry. Yet I can plonk and plunk and plink and tune her up and play.

And jest lean back and laugh and wink at every rainy day.

My playin' is only middlin'.—tures I picked up when a boy: The kind o's ort o' fiddlin' that the folks call "covintroy." "The Old Fat Cat" and "Rye Straw" and "My Saliyor's on I the Seen" of the Straw when the clie is left to me. And so I plunk and plonk and plink, and resum-up my bow, And Bay the turnes that make you think the devil's in your And Bay the turnes that make you think the devil's in your

love! the strings acrost her middle to the screechin' key above; her "apron," over bridge, to the ribbon round her throat, throat,— over pringe, to the ribbon round her She's a woolin,' coolin' pigeon, singing "Love mel" every note. And so I pat herneck, and plink her strings with lovin' hands;

And, listenin' clos't, I sometimes think she kind o' under-

#### WAGNER ANECDOTES.

R. CARL ARMBRUSTER, the enterprising conductor who has undertaken the reform of theatre music, and has the reform of theatre music, and has the reform of theatre music, and has the reform of the control of the reform of the subject at the Court, has just published a translation of Herr August the little book are highly characteristic of the great composer. In accordance with the fashion of the day, the author, who was apparently one of character as to the ordinary reader seem to tell easily be unjust and unkind," he affered ceasily be unjust and unkind," he affered could be reformed to the reformed the

the honor we will see play the new match," thereupon his friends appliated londity to which Wagner responded by nodding "with a knowing was a controlled to the property of th has been as the content instructions, and the paper of the control of the control

the orchestra, before giving the sign to begin, "Gentlemen, to-day is the birthday of Gluck; in Tenerupon his life way by the new mark." Thereupon his life way by the new mark of the property of the propert

T is well to keep before our minds the ideal piano-forte teacher. We may not reach the standard, but its bould be our business to approximate it as nearly as we can. Let us consider in a plain and practical way some elements in a piano-forte teacher's work.

worker, as teachers, let us remember that we tree not to pull small, but to arouse and developdormant powers. To ascertain the penjl's material strength and weakness, to develop the second of the second to give him principles and not rules, to be fraik with him, to strengthen his perceptions, and early with him to strengthen his perceptions, and early with the second of the sec

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The strange passenger rattled the nerves of the company very much be next with any appearance content but when, shortly after dinner, he showed up as a Pinte Indian, carrying a blood-carding children of the content o

the maniac to remain at large.
"Maniac be blowed!" growled the captain.
"Don't you know that Davidson, the actor is on board?"
"Well, what of it?"
"Why, that's his body servant. He is simply airing his master's wardrobe to keep it from mil-

#### EILEEN A ROON.

ANDEL, the German musical composer, is add to have declared that he would rather all the most experience of the composition of

There are two songs entitled "Eliena Roon."
Ellen the overd treaser of my kent. The old version, and a vidence of antiquity. The first line of the second stants, "I would spend a cow to entertain some of antiquity and the second stants," I would spend a cow to entertain some of the second stants, "I would spend a cow to entertain some of the second stants," I would spend a cow to entertain some of the second stants, "I would spend a cow to content in Hall's release, is eathered the most probableaction in the second stants, and the second stants of t

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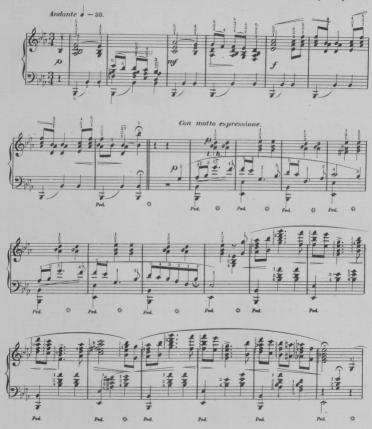
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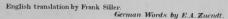






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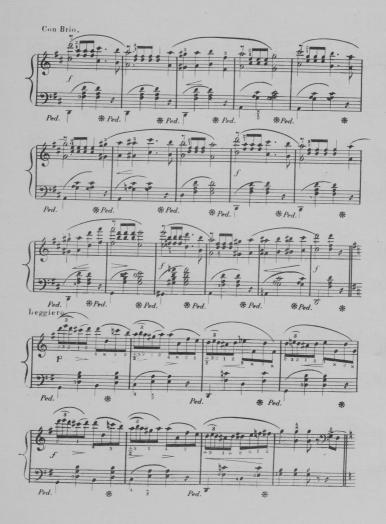


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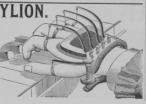
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